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MOU FOR METALLURGICAL SECTOR WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether after signing a pact on W.T.O. India and China also signed a MoU for setting up of a Joint Working Group (J.W.G.) to increase cooperation in metallurgical sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) During the visit of the Commerce and Industry Minister to China in February, 2000, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed to further increase cooperation in the Metallurgy sector. The MoU inter alia provides for setting up a Working Group on Ferrous Metallurgy to be co-chaired at Vice-Minister level, supporting and encouraging steel companies in mutual trade and cooperation, promoting increase in export of iron ore and Manganese Ore to China, promoting increase in the export of Coking Coal and Metallurgical Coke from China to India, promoting exchange and transfer of improved iron and steel making technologies, considering the possibility of Chinese participation in modernisation of Indian iron and steel company, exchange of information , etc..